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RATIONALIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

Note by the secretariat

1. At its organizational meeting for 1992, the Governing Council adopted decision 92/2 of 14 February 1992 on rationalization of the work of the Governing Council.

2. In paragraph 9 of decision 92/2, the Council requested the Administrator to provide for the organizational meetings and regular sessions of the Council a table indicating the subjects included in the agenda for the previous year, the present year and the two subsequent years. As requested, a table of subjects considered by the Council in 1992 and subjects scheduled to be considered in 1993 and the two subsequent years is annexed hereto.

3. In paragraph 11 of decision 92/2, the Council decided to review at its annual organizational meeting additional possibilities for the rationalization of its work, including a review of meeting and documentation requirements. Bearing in mind that the General Assembly is currently discussing restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, no new major initiative to streamline the work of the Governing Council is being proposed before the conclusion of the on-going United Nations reform effort.

4. However, further progress is being made in implementing the previous decisions on rationalization and streamlining of the work of the Governing Council (81/37 of 27 June 1981, 87/1 of 17 February 1987, 87/50 of 19 June 1987, 90/23 of 23 June 1990, 91/51 of 25 June 1991 and, in particular, the comprehensive decision 92/2 of 14 February 1992). The overall number and volume of separate reports have been further reduced. The regular session of the Governing Council was shortened in 1992 and it is suggested that the fortieth session of the Governing Council (1993) be concluded in less than three weeks.

Annex

TABLE OF SUBJECTS CONSIDERED BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL IN 1992 AND SUBJECTS SCHEDULED TO BE CONSIDERED IN 1993 AND THE TWO SUBSEQUENT YEARS

	Years for consideration of subjects			
High-level segment	1992		1994	
Annual report of the Administrator including, inter alia, information as requested in paragraph 1 of decision 92/2	1992	1993	1994	1995
Programme-level activities				
Environment and development	1992	1993	1994	1995
The activities of UNDP in combating HIV/AIDS		1993		1995
Gender in development		1993		1995
Regional economic integration		1993		
Non-governmental and grass-roots organizations		1993		
Management Development Programme		1993		
Micro-capital grants	1992			
Human development report	1992			
Private sector in development	1992			
International Year for the World's Indigenous People	1992			
Special programmes of assistance				
Role of UNDP in the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s	1992	1993	1994	1995
Matters relating to the least developed countries		1993		1995

Assistance to the Palestinian people	1992	1993	1994	1995
Humanitarian programmes, including refugees, displaced persons, returnees and UNDP response to emergencies	1992		1994	
Assistance to national liberation movements	1992		1994	
Impact of the Gulf crisis	1992			
Progress report on the implementation of three evaluations	1992			
Assistance to Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Yemen	1992			
UNDP participation in international cooperation to address and mitigate the consequences of the accident at Chernobyl	1992			

Programme planning and implementation

Country, intercountry, global and Special Programme Resources programmes and projects	1992	1993	1994	1995
Matters relating to the programming cycles	1992	1993	1994	1995
National execution and agency support costs	1992	1993	1994	1995
National capacity-building	1992	1993	1994	1995
Programme management issues, including decentralization and the programme approach	1992	1993	1994	1995
Coordination (including in 1993: Multilateral coordination and complementarity (92/15))	1992	1993	1994	1995
Evaluation	1992	1993	1994	1995
Issues relating to programme quality, impact, sustainability, efficiency and programme/project audits (including in 1993: Efficiency of programming and the comparative advantages of UNDP (91/31))	1992	1993	1994	1995

United Nations Population Fund	1992	1993	1994	1995

United Nations Technical Cooperation Activities	1992	1993	1994	1995
Other funds and programmes				
United Nations Development Fund for Women		1993		1995
United Nations Capital Development Fund		1993		1995
United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office		1993		1995
United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration and United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development			1994	
United Nations International Short-Term Advisory Resources (UNISTAR) and Transfer of Knowledge through Expatriate Nationals (TOKTEN)			1994	
United Nations Volunteers programme	1992		1994	
Financial, budgetary and administrative matters				
Annual review of the financial situation (including trust funds)	1992	1993	1994	1995
Revised budget estimates for current biennium (including in 1993: Experiences and utilization of the development support services (91/46, para.39))	1992	1993	1994	1995
Budget estimates for next biennium		1993		1995
Audit reports	1992	1993		1995
Report on the status of management services	1992		1994	
Financial regulations: Matters on which consensus has not yet been achieved	1992	1993		1995
Procurement from developing countries		1993		1995
Technical cooperation among developing countries		1993		1995
Other matters				
Venue of the sessions of the Governing Council	1992	1993		

Proposal concerning location of UNDP and UNFPA headquarters	1992	1993		
Senior management structure	1992	1993		
United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical cooperation expenditures		1993		1995
The activities of UNDP in the Baltic States and the Commonwealth of Independent States	1992	1993		
Rationalization of the work of the Governing Council	1992	1993	1994	1995

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